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AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A dishwasher comprising:
a main body being generally of a box shape with an open front;
a washer tub being extractable from and retractable into the main body through the open front by means of slide rail assemblies, the washer tub having an open top; and
a covering member for blocking a gap to be opened between the washer tub and the main body when the washer tub is fully extracted from the main body,
wherein, when the washer tub is fully extracted from the main body, a rear end of an inner rear wall of the washer tub is located in front of a front end of the main body to open the gap and the opened gap is covered by the covering member, and
wherein the covering member includes concealing members, each concealing member extending downward and backward from a lower part of each side surface of the washer tub.

2. (Original) The dishwasher of claim 1, further comprising:
components disposed behind the washer tub in the main body, for feeding and draining water to and from the washer tub.

3. (Original) The dishwasher of claim 1, wherein the covering member includes plate members, each plate member extending backward from an upper part of each side surface of the washer tub.

4. (Original) The dishwasher of claim 2, wherein the covering member includes plate members, each plate member extending backward from an upper part of each side surface of the washer tub.

5-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The dishwasher of claim 1, wherein the covering member includes one or more upper plate members, each upper plate member extending backward from a top rear portion of the washer tub.

10. (Original) The dishwasher of claim 2, wherein the covering member includes one or more upper plate members, each upper plate member extending backward from a top rear portion of the washer tub.

11. (Original) The dishwasher of claim 2, wherein the components include at least one electric part.

12. (New) A dishwasher comprising:
a main body being generally of a box shape with an open front;
a washer tub being extractable from and retractable into the main body through the open front by means of slide rail assemblies, the washer tub having an open top; and
a covering member for blocking a gap to be opened between the washer tub and the main body when the washer tub is fully extracted from the main body,
wherein, when the washer tub is fully extracted from the main body, a rear end of an inner rear wall of the washer tub is located in front of a front end of the main body to open the gap and the opened gap is covered by the covering member, and
wherein the covering member includes plate members, each plate member extending backward from an upper part of each side surface of the washer tub.

13. (New) The dishwasher of claim 12, further comprising:
components disposed behind the washer tub in the main body, for feeding and draining water to and from the washer tub.

14. (New) The dishwasher of claim 12, wherein the covering member includes one or more upper plate members, each upper plate member extending backward from a top rear portion of the washer tub.

15. (New) The dishwasher of claim 13, wherein the covering member includes one or more upper plate members, each upper plate member extending backward from a top rear portion of the washer tub.

16. (New) The dishwasher of claim 13, wherein the components include at least one electric part.